



The Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources is pleased to announce a Clean Water Legacy Lake Protection Challenge Grant. This grant opportunity is focused on assessing existing lake water quality and watershed data for lakes not identified on the draft 2010 MPCA Impaired Waters (303(d)) List for parameters other than mercury.

The purpose of these grant funds is to:

- Assess available water quality data and watershed information for the purpose of identifying water quality trends;
- Develop quantifiable water quality goals and outcomes based on the available information;
- Develop individual lake reports and a summary assessment that integrates watershed and water quality information, evaluates trends and recommends quantitative water quality protection measures;
- Integrate the water quality goals and quantifiable outcomes into local water management plan updates or amendments; and
- Demonstrate methods that can be expanded in the future to additional lakes.

The data assessment should lead to development of strategic water quality actions addressing identified trends that will be incorporated into local water quality management plans.

Applicants should identify high priority lake resources and their watersheds where water quality data is available. The Request for Proposals (RFP) may be found on the BWSR website at: <http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/grants/index.html>

An on-line webinar to discuss the RFP and answer questions will be held on January 18 from 10am-noon. Registration information can be found at:

http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/training/lake_protect_reg.html.